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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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Applicants:	Parkinson et al.	Docket No.:	56334.00011
Application No.:	10/719,974	Group Art Unit:	2832
Filing Date:	November 20, 2003	Examiner:	James R. Scott
Title:	ELASTOMER KEYPAD AND BEZEL		

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF ALLOWABILITY**

Commissioner:

The Examiner's statements of allowability provided in the prosecution history of this case are objected to, to the extent that they may give rise to reasoning that is inconsistent with the proper scope of the claims. The statements do not include at least (1) all the differences in the claims not found in the prior art of record, and (2) all the reasons why such differences are considered to define patentability over the prior art.

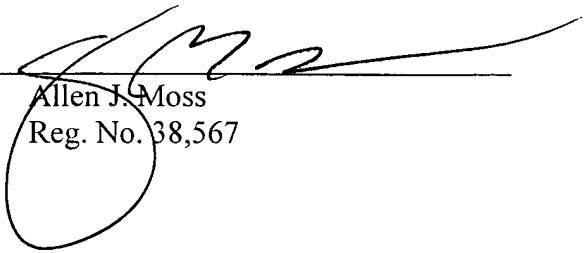
Claim construction requires each claim to be taken as a whole. Patentability of each claim is imparted by each claim as a whole. No portion of any claim is to be construed as more important for patentability than any other portion.

Applicants assert that each claim is allowable because all statutory requirements have been met, including, *inter alia*, the absence in all art of record of the same inventions as claimed or any disclosure, teaching, or suggestion (explicit or implied) that would make the claimed inventions obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art.

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